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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: OAU CALLS FOR ACTION

1. IN MAY 23 PRESS STATEMENT PRINTED IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ETHIOPIAN HERALD, THE OAU SECRETARIAT NOTED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN LEADER VORSTER HAD REQUESTED SIX MONTHS TO BRING ABOUT "SO CALLED RADICAL CHANGES" IN SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICY TOWARDS NAMIBIA. SIX MONTHS HAVE PASSED, THE STATEMENT SAID, AND NOTHING HAS CHANGED.

2. ON MAY 20, 1974, THE STATEMENT SAID, VORSTER DEFIED THE UN, REJECTED THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S ULTIMATUM ON NAMIBIA AND "DARED TO STATE THAT PRETORIA WAS IN NO WAY READY TO ACCEPT A UN SUPER-VISION IN THE TERRITORY." SOUTH AFRICA, THE OAU CHARGED, DENIES REPRESENTATION TO SWAPO, "THE LEGITIMATE AUTHENTIC AND UNIQUE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE" AND, THEREFORE, IS "VAINLY TRYING TO GIVE BASIS TO THIS POLICY OF BANTUSTANIZATION WHICH AFRICA AS A WHOLE HAS MANY TIMES CONDEMNED IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS." THE OAU DOUBTS VORSTER'S "REAL READINESS TO SEARCH FOR AN HONOR-ABLE AND ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM." THE UNCLASSIFIED

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VORSTER POLICY, INSTEAD, "DEMONSTRATES A RATHER STRANGE CONCEPTION

OF WHAT HE, WITHOUT ANY EUPHEMISM. CALLS DETENTE."

3. THE STATEMENT ADDS THAT GIVEN SOUTH AFRICAN "STUBBORNESS AND BLINDNESS" THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER: "UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ITS AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE SWAPO, AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF UNITED AFRICA AS A WHOLE, TOGETHER WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA MUST CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE UNTIL THEY ATTAIN THEIR TOTAL INDEPENDENCE IN UNITY AND COHESION." IT CONCLUDES WITH A CALL UPON THE UN THROUGH THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO "BE READY TO DRAW THE LOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF VORSTER'S NEW DEFIANCE AND TAKE CONCRETE MEASURES TO PUT AN END TO THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA."
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